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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 13, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 3-4, drawn to a solid state image pickup device.

Applicants therefore withdraw from prosecution in the above-identified application, claims 5 and 7, drawn to a camera including a solid state image pick-up device, but reserve herein the right to prosecute such claims in a later filed continuation or divisional applications.

Applicants therefore await consideration and examination of elected claims 3-4, and respectfully request consideration on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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